



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- STUDY OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND
HUMAN SERVICE ZONE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the study of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and human service zone employee compensation
- 9:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS regarding:
- An overview of human service zones;
 - Information regarding disparities in compensation levels among human service zone employees and state employees located at human service zones; and
 - Information regarding differences in employee benefits provided by human service zones
- 9:45 a.m. [Comments](#) by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding compensation and benefit disparities among human service zones
- 10:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of DHS and human service zone employee compensation
- STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER PROGRAMS**
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the study of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder programs
- 10:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS regarding:
- An overview of developmental disabilities and the developmental disabilities system in the state;
 - Eligibility criteria to receive developmental disability services; and
 - The screening process for developmental disabilities
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS regarding:
- An overview of the autism spectrum disorder waiver and autism spectrum disorder voucher programs, including funding for the programs and a report pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-06-32.1 regarding the autism spectrum disorder program pilot project; and
 - A report pursuant to Section 50-06-32 regarding the state autism spectrum disorder plan

- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Protection and Advocacy Project of an overview of the *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision and the duties of the Olmstead Commission
- 11:20 a.m. [Comments](#) by interested persons regarding the study of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder program

STUDY OF EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the study of employment restrictions in public assistance programs
- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS regarding public assistance programs that limit the number of hours worked or the amount of income that may be received, including whether the limitations are imposed by state or federal laws
- 11:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of employment restrictions in public assistance programs
- 12:00 noon Recess

OTHER COMMITTEE DUTIES

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding other responsibilities assigned to the committee
- 1:05 p.m. Presentation by representatives of DHS and the State Department of Health regarding the status of the merger of DHS and the State Department of Health pursuant to House Bill No. 1247 (2021)
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the merger of DHS and the State Department of Health
- 1:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS pursuant to Section 20 of House Bill No. 1012 (2021) regarding refugee resettlement services in the state
- 1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding refugee resettlement services in the state
- 1:55 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS pursuant to Section 61 of House Bill No. 1012 regarding the status of the four-year old program and the Early Childhood Education Council
- 2:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the four-year old program and the Early Childhood Education Council
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS pursuant to Section 59 of House Bill No. 1012 of an overview of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program and an update on the department's study of the program
- 2:30 p.m. [Comments](#) by other interested persons regarding the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program
- 2:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS pursuant to Section 50-06-37 regarding the developmental disabilities system reimbursement project
- 2:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the developmental disabilities system reimbursement project

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2:55 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Judy Lee (Chairman), Howard C. Anderson, Jr., JoNell A. Bakke, Jason G. Heitkamp, Kathy Hogan, David Hogue

Representatives: Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Dwight Kiefert, Alisa Mitskog, Karen M. Rohr, Matthew Ruby, Mark Sanford, Mary Schneider, Randy A. Schobinger, Kathy Skroch, Michelle Strinden, Greg Westlind

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